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MEMORANDUM FOR: Colonel White

SUBJECT : Headquarters Board of Survey

1. Further thought has been given to your suggestions in connection with the Headquarters Survey Board and procedures. Moreover, the suggestions have been discussed with Gates Lloyd, members of the present Survey Board and other individuals in the Logistics Office.

2. The consensus of opinion is that the proposed survey procedures were instigated to relieve you or other senior people of the necessity of reviewing and passing on the write-off of numerous small items and to give you the considered opinion and recommendations of representatives of your principle offices on surveys involving more than \$1,000. Small items, that is, under \$1,000, comprise the majority of the survey actions. A change in the proposed procedures so that the action of the Survey Board on these small matters, most of which are clear cut and without problems, to subject to your review or the review of other senior officials, would defeat the purposes of a Board. Moreover, there is the possibility that such action might be interpreted as a lack of confidence in the Board.

3. In regard to the major items (over \$1,000), the consensus of opinion is that since the Board's recommendations are only tools or yardsticks for your guidance in arriving at the final decision, the concurrence, non-concurrence, or other comments of the Chief of Logistics would only be an additional yardstick. There is some question as to the value of the views of the Chief of Logistics in assisting you to arrive at your decision. However, no objections were raised against including this condition in the regulation. The following is therefore suggested as an additional sentence to be added to Paragraph(2)(c) of Section 4.d. HEADQUARTERS BOARD OF SURVEY: "The Board of Survey recommendations will be submitted to the Chief of Logistics for indorsement and/or comment, and forwarding to the Deputy Director (Administration)."

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